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Veteran Health Identification Card

Description

Since 2004, VA has been issuing Veterans enrolled with VA for their health care a Veteran Identification Card (VIC). VA understands the importance of personal security and as part of VA's commitment to protect Veterans' private information, the legacy VIC will be replaced with a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC). The VHIC does not have the Veteran's Social Security number and date of birth contained in the magnetic stripe or bar code. Other security measures include using microtext to help prevent counterfeit reproductions.

What is Changing

The legacy VIC is being replaced with a more secure identification card, the Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC).

Additional Information

VA began mailing the new card to newly enrolled Veterans in February 2014.

Enrolled Veterans who do not have a VIC can contact their local VA medical center Enrollment Coordinator to request the new VHIC at their next VA health care appointment.

VA started automatically sending enrolled Veterans who have been issued a VIC the new VHIC in May 2014. Until Veterans receive the new, more secure VHIC, they are encouraged to safeguard their old VIC as they would a credit card to prevent unauthorized access to their identity information. Once the new VHIC is received, Veterans should destroy their old VIC by cutting it up or shredding it.

Veterans who are not enrolled with the VA for their health care and who would like to receive the new VHIC can apply for enrollment online at www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll.

To further protect Veterans' identity and prevent identity theft, one primary form of identification and one secondary form of identification will be required to receive the new VHIC. For more information on these documents, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic.